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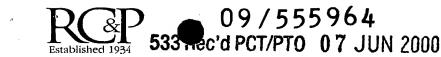
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Dear Sirs,

Response to Written Opinion of September 30, 1999 Our Ref; 114508-5.MM:BG (Please quote)

In response to the Written Opinion of reference, enclosed are the following:

- Amended claim pages Nos. 14-16. 1.
- Amended pages 2, 3, 8, 12 and 13 of the specification. 2.

Claim Amendments: 1.

The claims as originally filed were amended in accordance with the Examiner's comments as follows:

- Original Claim 1 has been restricted to use of the protein 1.1 preparation for the new indication subject of the present invention and thus now reads clear of the subject matter of the Shinitzky et al., publication referred to in the Written Opinion as D1.
- Claims 2-5 correspond with original Claims 7-10 but the kits 1.2 recited in these claims have been restricted for use in the diagnosis of schizophrenia by determining a DTH reaction following injection of the protein preparation. The kits recited in the above amended claims comprise, in addition to the peptide preparation also instructions for use and a chart or picture for guidance of the manner of scoring the DTH results. This amendment is supported by the description on page 8 lines 20-36 of the specification. These new claims read clear of the D1 publication.